John was a righteous and holy man

MARK 6:20

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti, MI

July 14, 2024 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Key
P: Pastor
A: Assisting Ministers
C: Congregation

PRELUDE

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.
C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider,
C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share.
We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.
We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.
We take offense at your teachings and your ways.
Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn?
Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG ELW 807

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;
streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.
While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.
Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

C: O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Amos 7:7-15

Amos is not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he is an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God's word of judgment through Amos conflicts with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encounters at Bethel.

A: A reading from Amos.

7 This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built
with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. 8 And the LORD said to me,
"Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,
"See, I am setting a plumb line
in the midst of my people Israel;
I will never again pass them by;
9 the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."
10 Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying,
"Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land
is not able to bear all his words. 11 For thus Amos has said,
'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land.' "

[12] And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; [13] but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

[14] Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, [15] and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.' "

A: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 85:8-13

I will listen to what the LORD God is saying. (Ps. 85:8)

P: [8] I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to you.
C: [9] Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.
P: [10] Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
C: [11] Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
P: [12] The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.
C: [13] Righteousness shall go before the LORD
and shall prepare for God a pathway.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.

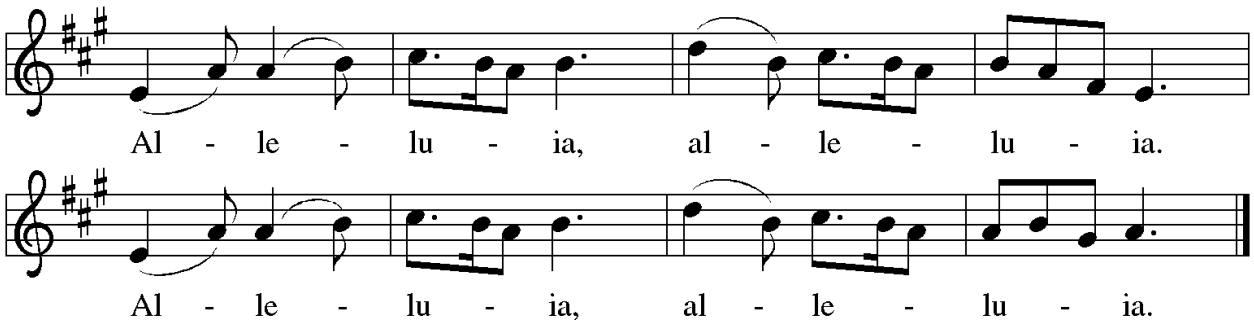
A: A reading from Ephesians.

[3] Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in
Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, [4] just as he chose us in
Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in
love. [5] He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according
to the good pleasure of his will, [6] to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely
bestowed on us in the Beloved. [7] In him we have redemption through his blood,
the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace [8] that he
lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight [9] he has made known to us the mystery
of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, [10] as a plan for
the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on
earth. [11] In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined
according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his
counsel and will, [12] so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might
live for the praise of his glory. [13] In him you also, when you had heard the word of
truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the
seal of the promised Holy Spirit; [14] this is the pledge of our inheritance toward
redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

A: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29

As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

14 King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become
known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and
for this reason these powers are at work in him." 15 But others said, "It is Elijah."
And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." 16 But when
Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."
17 For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him
in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had
married her. 18 For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have
your brother's wife." 19 And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill
him. But she could not, 20 for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous
and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly
perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. 21 But an opportunity came when
Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the
leaders of Galilee. 22 When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased
Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish,
and I will give it." 23 And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will
give you, even half of my kingdom." 24 She went out and said to her mother, "What
should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." 25 Immediately she
rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of
John the Baptist on a platter." 26 The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for
his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. 27 Immediately the king
sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded
him in the prison, 28 brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the
girl gave it to her mother. 29 When his disciples heard about it, they came and took
his body, and laid it in a tomb.

P: The gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME — Rev. Joshua Rinas

A special message for children.

SERMON — Rev. Joshua Rinas

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY — ELW 806

"O God, My Faithful God"

1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
with - out whom noth-ing is, all per-fect gifts be - stow - ing:
give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in
a con-science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.
2 Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing
what - ev - er you com-mand, my call-ing here ful - fill - ing—
to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless
what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.
3 Keep me from say - ing words that lat - er need re - call - ing;
guard me, lest i - dle speech may from my lips be fall - ing;
but when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,
then to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak.
4 When dan-gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;
help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer-less;
help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,
and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT, Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1629–1701

APOSTLES CREED

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

A brief silence.

A: You gather your people into the body of Christ. Where your church is wounded, heal it. Where it is right, strengthen it. Where it is divided, reunite it. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: From before the foundation of the world, you are God. Revive ecosystems destroyed by human greed. Curb our desire to put wealth ahead of the health of all who call this planet home. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You establish equity and make justice. Within every nation, tribe, and land, cause laws to be written and customs to be observed that protect the most vulnerable. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: On the cross your beloved Son endured pain and death. Bring healing to those in need, hope to any in despair, and comfort to the dying. *We pray especially for Barb, Sheila, Judy, Debbie, the friends and family of Ray.* In your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

A: You send your Spirit into this community of faith. Empower our ministries that serve and build up local communities especially Emmanuel's Clothing closet and Food pantry. Nurture our partnerships with other community organizations especially FedUp, Hope Clinic, and SOS. In your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: All peoples praise you, O God. We give you thanks and praise for the lives of our loved ones who now rest in you. In the fullness of time gather us with all your saints in light. In your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

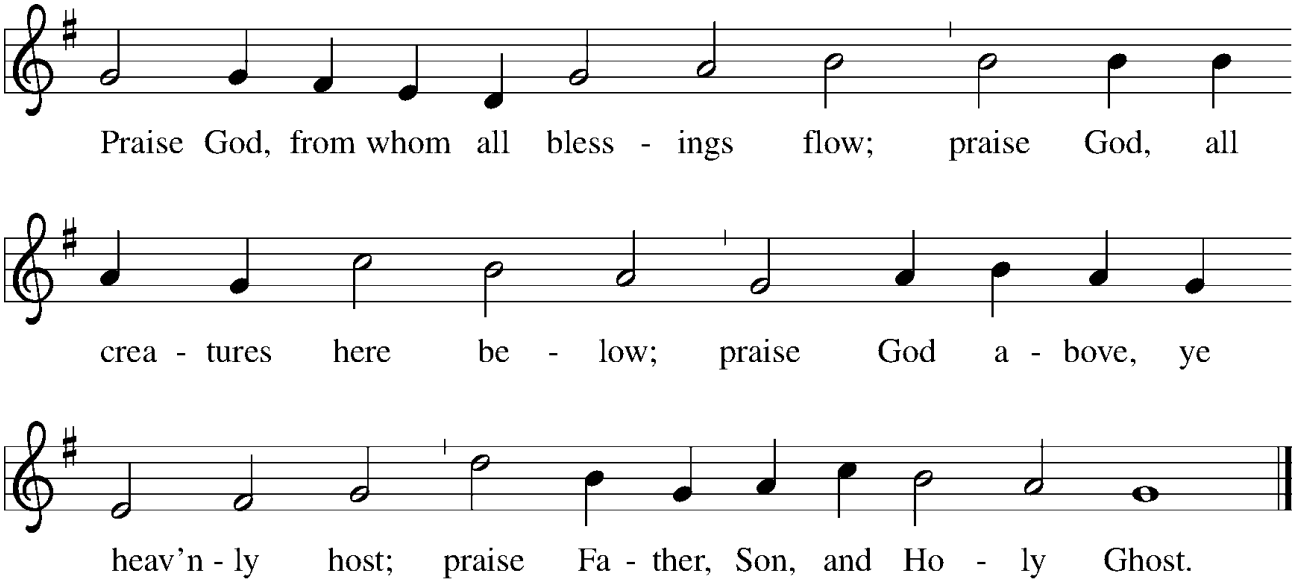
P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN-*"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*


Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

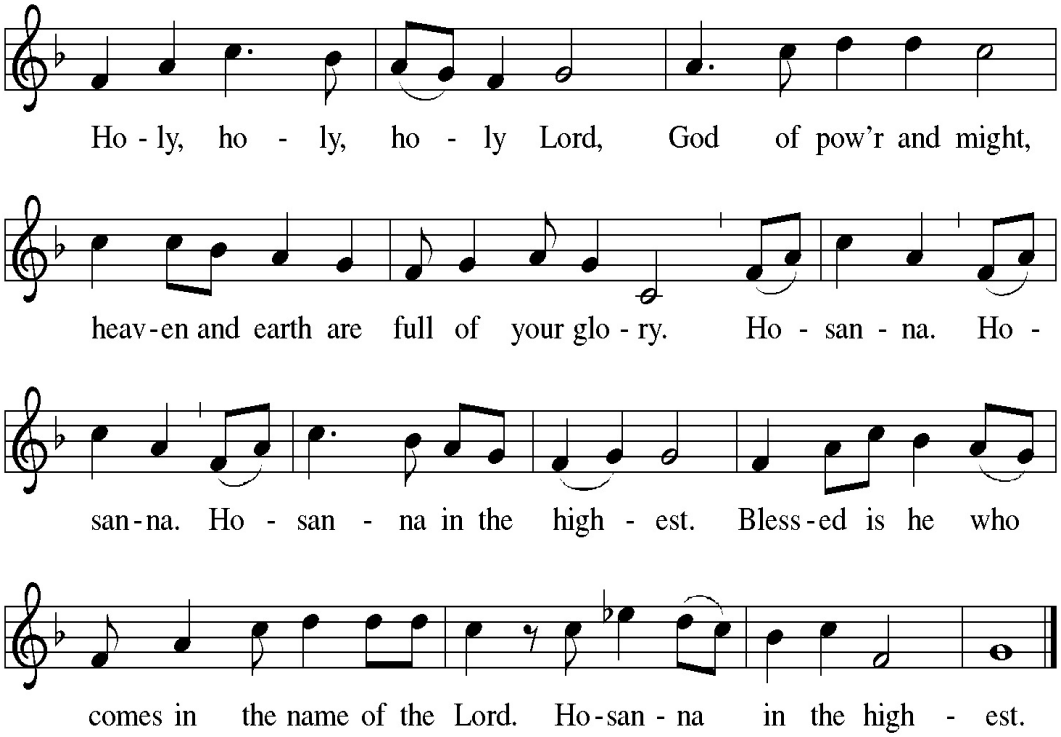
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C: Amen, amen, amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.

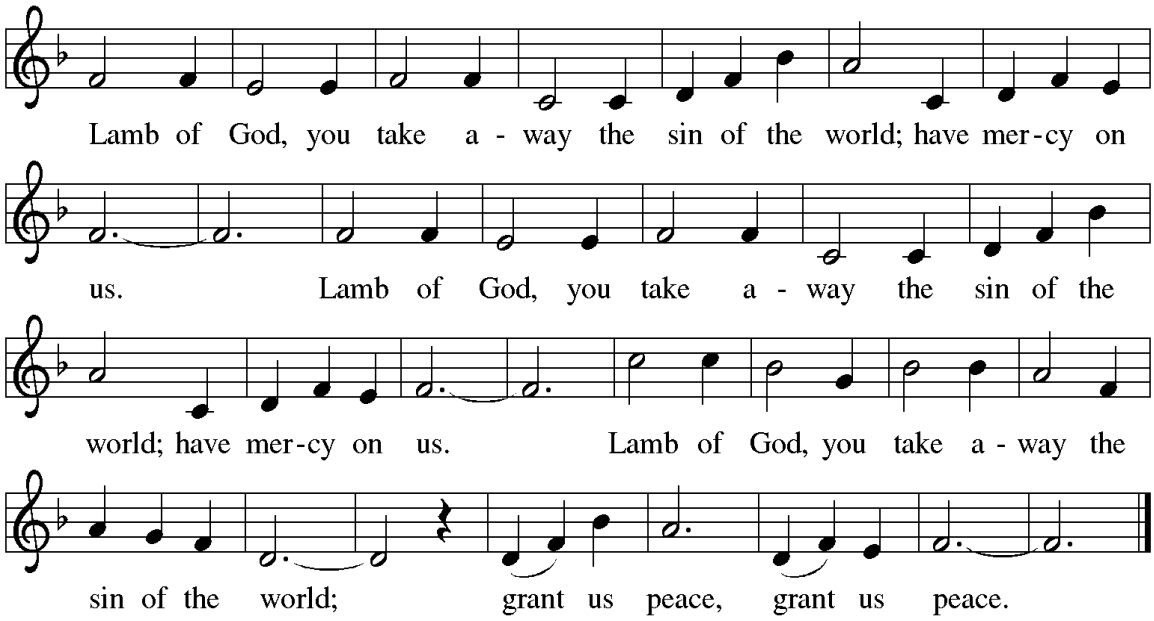
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

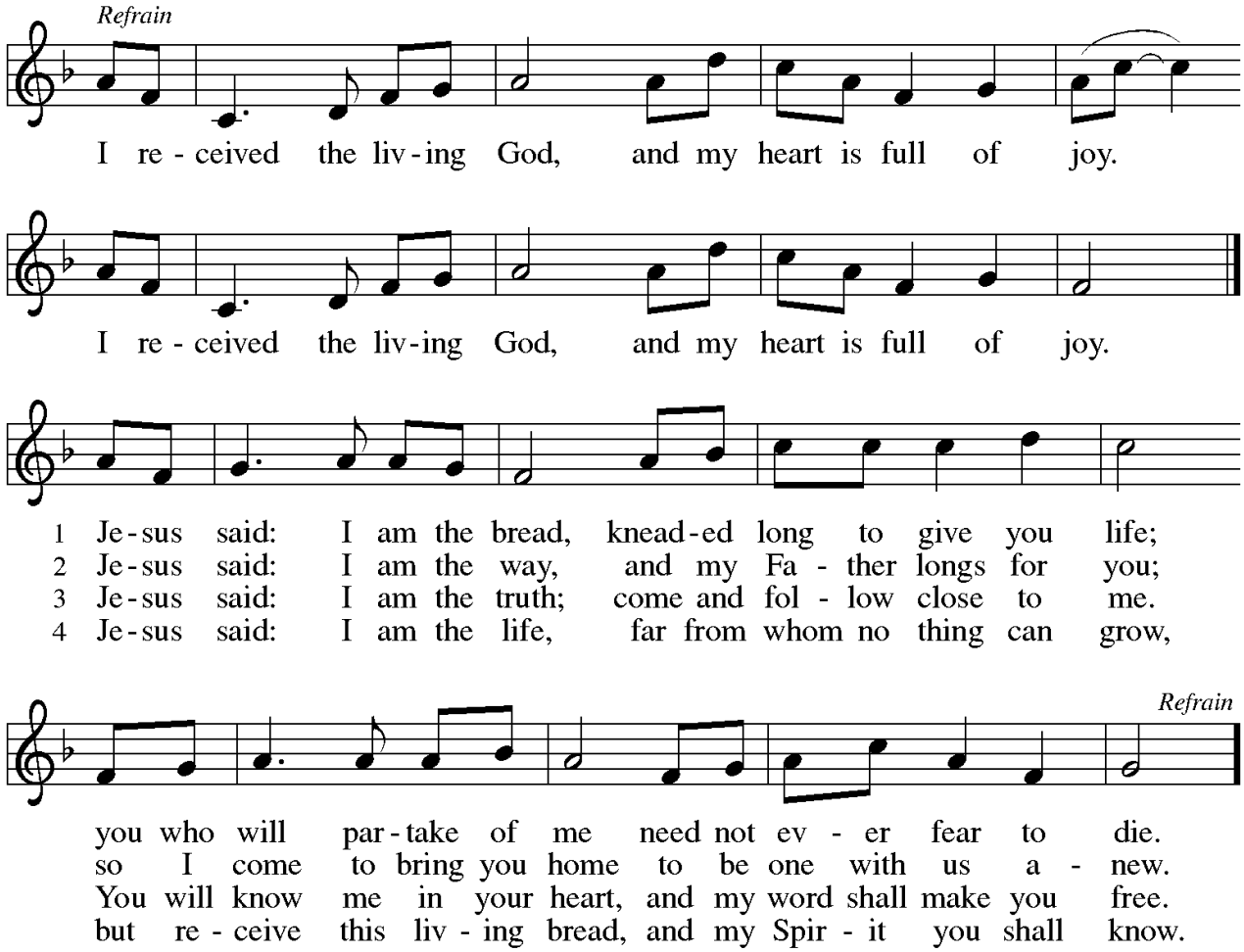
LAMB OF GOD CANTICLE


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG WOV 700

"I Received the Living God"


Refrain
I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.
I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.
1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,
Refrain
you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.
so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.
but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

Text: Anonymous
Music: LIVING GOD, Anonymous

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

C: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
☩ be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG ELW 774

"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -
last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
Refrain
Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;
lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1929
Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Emmanuel Lutheran Church, if this is your first time with us, please add your name and information to our Guest book located in the Narthex.
*Hearing assistance devices and cushions are available in the back pew. Please help yourself!
*Children's bulletins available, please see an usher.

Please remember to wear your Name Tag
It's a help for visitors and folks you may not have seen for a while. If you need a new Name tag, please let Jennifer know.

Summer Adult Bible Class offered Sundays after Church
History in Maps: Part 1 The Graeco-Roman World, and the Development of Christianity, from Alexander to Constantine

Schedule for **six** 45 minute presentations
Given by: Dr. Peter Diehr
Where: in the Lounge
When: 11:30 to 12:15, including 15 min for questions.
July 7, 14, 28, August 4, 11

Part 2 will be scheduled for another time.
Questions: pdiehr@gmail.com

Let's Go Out to Eat!
You're welcome to join the Membership Committee for a meal and conversation on **Tuesday, July 16th at 5pm at Aubree's in Depot Town - located at 39 E. Cross St. Ypsilanti, MI 48198.** This is simply a social event meant for people to get to know each other better. Invite a friend who isn't a member at Emmanuel, they're more than welcome!

Thursday Bible Study Class
Bible Study Class with Pastor Joshua is in the Lounge on Thursdays from 12:30pm - 2:00pm. All are welcome!

Food Pantry Needs

The Food Pantry still has an ongoing need for boxes to pack with canned goods. Any box 12 inch x 12 inch x 12 inch but not bigger than 16 inch x 16 inch x 16 inch is used. Shoe boxes are too small. The food pantry boxes need to hold at least 13 cans of food, a box of raisins, a box of macaroni and cheese, a bag of rice, a bag of cereal and a box of pasta. Boxes can be set near the Food Pantry shelves in the Gathering Area. Thank you!

Ways to Give

Giving can be done online by clicking here. You can also give via text at 734-548-9438. Simply text the amount you would like to give and follow the prompts. You can mail checks to: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 201 N. River St., Ypsilanti, MI 48198.

PayPal - Select payment type "Friends and Family" using emmanuelypsi@gmail.com. Please indicate account (general fund, flowers, memorials, etc.) where it says add message.

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This Week at Emmanuel

Sunday, July 14 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost

- **Worship 10:00am**
- **Coffee Hour 11:00am – 12:00pm**
- **Adult Bible Study 11:30am – 12:15pm**
- Bethel Service 12:00pm
- Scouts 6:00pm

Tuesday, July 16

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 10:30am
- Refresh Committee 11:30am
- Food Delivery 1:00pm
- **Let's Go Out to Eat 5:00pm**

Wednesday, July 17

- Men's Group 9:00am
- Clothes Closet 9:00am – 10:30am
- Food Pantry 3:00pm – 3:45pm
- MIOCA support group 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Thursday, July 18

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 9:30am
- **Bible Study Class 12:30pm – 2:00pm**
- Food Pantry 3:00pm – 3:45pm

Friday, July 19

- NA Meeting 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Saturday, July 20

- Women Do Recover 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Sunday, July 21 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost

- **Worship 10:00am**
- **Coffee Hour 11:00am – 12:00pm**
- **COUNCIL MEETING**
- Bethel Service 12:00pm
- Scouts 6:00pm

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God.

Prayers requested for: Barb, Sheila, Judy, Debbie, the friends and family of Ray.

Worship Service Volunteers needed!

Assisting Ministers - Click here
Or Scan QR code

Altar Flower Sign up - Click here
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Or sign up on the sheet outside the office or call the office (734-482-7121).

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